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 CLAIMS

- A supported surface for transitional movement, said surface being formed of:
- a. a grid of elongated steel cables disposed above a ground level, said grid being formed of a plurality of first parallel cables spaced from each other, and a plurality of second steel cables disposed transversely of and in abutment with the first cables, said second steel cables being parallel to, and spaced from, each other, said first and second cables defining a plurality of open spaces between the cables.
- b. means to support each of said cables at their respective extremities;
- c. a plurality of first panels, each of said first panels being formed of a yieldable heavy fabric having edges and each panel being configured to space its edges from either a first or second cable defining a space;
- d. a plurality of resilient elements extending outwardly from each edge of each panel for attachment to the nearest of said first and second cables, thereby to support the panel on said first or second cables within a space defined by said cables; and,
- e. a plurality of elongated cover means, the last said means each comprising a padded sheet material having a width greater than the distance between parallel edges of adjacently disposed panels, each said cover means being disposed over at least a portion of one of the first and second cables and the

resilient means attached thereto and extending from the edge of a first panel.

- 2. The supported surface as described in Claim 1, wherein the resilient means are coil springs.
- 3. The supported surface as defined in Claim 1, wherein the configuration of the surface is rectangular and the means to support the grid of cables comprises a first vertical post of a predetermined height disposed at each corner of the rectangle, and third steel cables each extending between adjacent corner posts thereby presenting pairs of oppositely disposed parallel cables, the first and second cables being secured to extend between one of the pairs of oppositely disposed parallel third cables.
- 4. The supported surface as defined in Claim 3, wherein the perimeter of the surface is surrounded by outwardly angled side and end walls, each of said walls being formed of a plurality of second panels, supported by four second posts, each of said second posts being of a greater height than the first posts and disposed outwardly of, but in alignment with, a first post; and fourth steel cables, one of the last said cables extending between each pair of adjacent second posts, to result in two pairs of oppositely disposed parallel fourth cables, each of the first and second cables being secured to extend between a parallel pair of fourth cables, as well as, a parallel pair of

third cables; and resilient means extending outwardly from the edges of each of the second panels and connected to one of the first, second, third, or fourth cables for planar support by three of said cables; and second cover means disposed to extend along and over the portion of each of the first, second, and third cables to which the edges of a second panel are attached by resilient means, the width of said cover means being greater than the distance between the edges of adjacent first and second panels.

5. The supported surfaces described in Claim 4, wherein the first panels are marked by a line dividing the horizontal surface into two courts, and ball receptacles are provided in those of the second panels which are disposed opposite the dividing line.

6. The surface as described in Claim 5, wherein preselected panels of the court on each side of the dividing line are colored to indicate areas involving specific requirements for the playing of a game.

7. The method of playing a sport game comprising the steps of:

a. providing a resilient court of a rectangular configuration having a predetermined length and width;

b. dividing the court lengthwise into two halves by a marker line;

- c. providing at least one goal receptacle at each end of the court;
- d. providing two teams of a preselected number of players and assigning each team to a different one of the two court halves;
- e. providing a ball first to one team for predetermined time period, followed by providing the ball to the other team for a similar time period;
- f. having the team provided with the ball attempt to cause the ball to enter the opponent's at least one goal;
- g. having the other team not having the ball attempt to prevent entry of the ball into its at least one goal receptacle; and
- h. scoring the number of goal entries effected by each team.
- 8. The method of playing a game as described in Claim 7, wherein areas of each half of the court are marked as by coloring, and requiring the players to engage in certain specified conduct when entering or remaining in each marked area.
- 9. The method of playing a games as described in Claim 7, wherein the resilient court which is provided comprises a plurality of trampoline-type panels, each panel being disposed adjacently to other panels and all of the panels being supported by a grid of steel cables below the panels to which cables the edges of the panels are resiliently secured.